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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR

IDRIS TO JOIN INDONESIAN GA DELEGATION

1. AMBASSADOR IMRAD IDRIS, NEWLY-DESIGNATED CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTORATE IN FONOFF, WILL BE GOING TO NEW YORK IN NEAR FUTURE (ABOUT DEC 10) TO JOIN INDONESIAN UN DELEGATION DURING CURRENT GA SESSION.

2. AS REPLACEMENT FOR ABDULLAH KAMIL (WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA AND IAEA), WE EXPECT IDRIS WILL BE INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF INDONESIAN DELEGATIONS TO UNGA SESSIONS OVER NEXT FEW

YEARS; HE ALSO BE PRINCIPAL STRING-PULLER WITHIN FOREIGN DEPARTMENT RE INDONESIAN POSITIONS/ACTIVITIES AT UN. IN ADDITION, IT APPEARS IDRIS WILL INCREASINGLY SERVE AS ALTER EGO FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS DJAJADININGRAT (WHO FOR SUBSTANTIVE WORK IS SECOND ECHELON AFTER FONMIN) FOR MATTERS IN WHICH US INTERESTED. WE WOULD EXPECT HIM TO PLAY INFLUENTIAL ROLE IN INDONESIAN DLEGATION IN NEW YORK.

3. IDRIS IS LONGTIME PERSONAL FRIEND OF FONMIN ADAM
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MALIK (THEY ARE BOTH FROM SUMATRA) AND HAS HAD

EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN AFRICA, WHERE HE SERVED AS
AMBASSADOR TO GUINEA (CONCURRENTLY ACCREDITED TO MALI)
FROM 1968 TO 1972 AND CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN MOROCCO
(1960-64) HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS COUNSELOR IN
MALAYSIA (1957-60) AND AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF
INDONESIAN DELEGATION ON INTERNATIONAL CEASE-FIRE COMMISSION (ICCS)
IN VIETNAM (1972-74). HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

4. THIS WILL BE IDRIS' FIRST REAL EXPOSURE TO UN
(APART FROM SELD TRIP IN 1969 WHEN YAD/NSNS WERE
CONCERNED RE FUSS SOME AFRICANS WERE MAKING OVER ACT
OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN WEST IRIAN). WE HAVE FOUND
HIM MOST HELPFUL AND COOPERATIVE AND BELIEVE IT WILL
BE TO BENEFIT (AND PLEASURE) OF USUN TO CULTIVATE IDRIS.
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